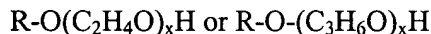


WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A composition for removing and preventing build-up of paraffin, tars, heavy oil, calcium carbonate, iron oxide and other soils and scales, from gas or oil wells, hydrocarbon bearing formations, or recovery, pumping, storage, or transmission equipment, comprising about 40 to 99 wt% of a fatty acid alkyl ester blend and about 1 to 25 wt% of at least one lower alkyl glycol ether wherein the fatty acid alkyl ester blend contains C₁-C₄ esters of C₄-C₂₂ fatty acids.
2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the fatty acid alkyl ester blend contains esters selected from the group consisting of C₁ to C₈ esters of C₄ to C₂₂ fatty acids.
3. A composition according to claim 2 wherein the fatty acid alkyl ester blend contains esters selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, and n-butyl esters of C₄ to C₂₂ fatty acids.
4. A composition according to claim 3 wherein the fatty acid alkyl ester blend contains esters selected from the group consisting of the methyl esters of C₄ to C₂₂ fatty acid.
5. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the lower alkyl glycol ether is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether, tripropylene glycol monomethyl ether, and mixtures thereof.
6. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises 1 to 40 wt% of polyoxyalkylene glycol ethers wherein the polyoxyalkylene glycol ether has the formula:



Wherein R is C₁ to C₈ alkyl and x is greater than 4.

7. A composition according to claim 6 wherein R is methyl, ethyl, propyl, or butyl.
8. A composition according to claim 7 wherein the polyoxyalkylene glycol ether is n-butoxy polyalkylene glycol ether.

9. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises up to 20 wt% of at least one additive selected from the group consisting of terpenes, terpene alcohols, C₈ - C₁₄ alcohol acetate ester blends, glycols, diacid esters, and petroleum hydrocarbons.
10. A composition according to claim 1 further comprising up to 10 wt% of a surfactant.
11. A composition according to claim 10 wherein the surfactant is selected from the group of ethoxylated nonyphenols, linear alcohol ethoxylates, and alkanolamine salts of dodecylbenzene sulfonic acid.
12. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the fatty acid alkyl ester blend is present in amounts of about 50 to 95 wt%.
13. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises at least 1 wt% of an antioxidant. --